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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Exparte Notice

  In the Matter of Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

  Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Seeks Comment on the Merits of Using Auctions to Determine High-Cost Universal Service Support WC Docket No. 05-337

Following the *En Banc* hearing on February 20, 2007, at the Renaissance Washington Hotel, Washington D.C., I, Anne Waymouth, of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) spoke with Jennifer Richardson of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission who is a staff person on the Universal Service Joint Board assisting Indiana Commissioner Landis who serves on that Joint Board. In our conversation we discussed the Wisconsin High Rate Assistance Credit (HRAC) program that was described in the PSCW initial and reply comments filed on March 29, 2006, and May 25, 2006, in CC Docket No. 96-45.
(http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6518332282,
http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/retrieve.cgi?native_or_pdf=pdf&id_document=6518348355).
I also made analogies between an HRAC program and a reverse auction. These analogies were conveyed to Commissioner Landis, and on February 27, 2007, Commissioner Landis advised this information should be filed as an Exparte communication. The following are the points related to reverse auctions.

- An HRAC program is similar to a "winner take more" type auction.
- An HRAC program allows companies to compete based on both price and service quality.
- The PSCW reply comments suggested a HRAC approach initially be applied to wireless services.

This summary is being filed via ECFS with your office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (608) 267-0913.

Sincerely,

/s/ Anne Waymouth

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Auditor